future Basic Service Operators, out of the charges collected by the cellular operators for the fixed leg of the call, 5% will be retained by the cellular operator.

Bogus Telephone Exchange

†218. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bogus telephone exchanges are operating freely in several parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to detect and closedown such telephone exchanges; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) There have been cases regarding operation of clandestine telecom network for passing of illegal STD/ISD calls.

(b) and (c) whenever complaint/information is received, the same is investigated departmentally as well as with the help of CBI/Police, wherever necessary. Departmental action under the rules and/or action for prosecution in the court of law is taken against the persons found guilty. The following steps have been taken to prevent such frauds:

(i) Premises having bulk telephone connection or Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) lines are kept under special watch.

(ii) A close coordination between service provider and investigating agencies is being maintained to book the offenders.

(iii) Checks at Exchange level have been intensified.

Computerisation of Post Offices in Gujarat

†219. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to fully computerise post offices in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide the facilities to certain post offices during the current financial year;

(c) if so, whether the post offices in Gujarat are also likely to be computerised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR). (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following Head Offices in Gujarat would be computerised during the current financial year:

(i) Bharuch
(ii) Nadiad
(iii) Palanpur
(iv) Patan
(v) Porbandar
(vi) Revdi Bazar
(vii) Surat

Telephone Connections in Bihar Sharif Sub-Division

220. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of persons waiting for telephone connections under Bihar Sharif Sub-Division, telephone exchange-wise, particularly under Nalanda exchange;

(b) whether a number of residents of Mirchaiganj are waiting for telephone connections since 1996 whereas the applicants of neighbouring villages like Kakaila who applied after 1996 have got telephone connection;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether this is due to discriminatory attitude of the DET; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take against the DET and also to release telephone connections to the affected persons?